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Public Comments
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: File 16-245 – 2016 Broadband Progress Report NOI

I am filing a comment to express my concern over a recent trend of Internet data caps that I feel poses an economic and moral threat to the future of our country and its people. Specifically, I wanted to make you aware of the following aspects of the Internet market that I feel data caps either cause or exacerbate.

- Lack of consumer choice due to local monopoly (Oligopolies).
- Lagging behind the rest of the world in broadband availability and cost to consumers.
- Importance of the internet as infrastructure for an intellectually competent society capable of sustained function and development in the modern world economy. (This adds no value to and de-incentivizes improvement of the internet infrastructure.)
- Arguments for them hinge on non-comparable tangible goods.
- It is not a "value-added" service. It's the same service you've always paid for, and now you're being forced to pay more for it.
- It is blatantly anti-consumer.

I appreciate your time and consideration of these issues.

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